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## News Highlights, Nov. 9-15, 2012

*Associated Press*

### **Piece of Surf City history emerges after Sandy**

A piece of history unique to Surf City emerged on the beach when Hurricane Sandy skirted Topsail Island's shore, drawing curious onlookers who are reminded to look, but not touch. A section of the William H. Sumner, a three-masted schooner whose young captain died under suspicious circumstances after running the ship aground in 1919, has been protruding from the sand a short distance from the Dolphin Street beach access. Read more [here](#).

*Wilmington Star-News*

### **Battleship curators keep history alive for veterans**

According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the median age for an American World War II veteran is 89. Of the 16 million members of the U.S. armed services between 1941 and 1945, only about 1.7 million are alive today. Aboard the Battleship North Carolina Memorial, however, memories of the "Greatest Generation" remain fresh, thanks to a small staff of curators who care for the things those men carried. Read more [here](#).

*Gaston Gazette*

### **At the Library**

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*WNCT-TV*

### **Military couple gets dream wedding on Veterans Day**

A local military couple got married on Veterans Day free of charge, thanks to Operation Marry Me Military. Sergeant Dustin McDaniel has been on four tours to Afghanistan and his fiancée Michelle Johnson has been standing by his side for the last four years. The young couple's dream wedding took place in the history center at Tryon Palace Sunday. Read more [here](#).

*News & Observer*

### **Fort Dobbs shows life on early frontier**

Fort Dobbs Historic Site, near Statesville, is one of only a very few places in the nation preserving land associated with the French and Indian Wars. Constructed in 1756, Fort Dobbs was the only fortified outpost along colonial North Carolina's frontier.... The Veterans Day Military Timeline program (Nov. 10-11) features small-arms demonstrations ranging from matchlocks and flintlocks to guns of the mid-20th century. The living history weekend (Dec. 8-9) offers historic interpreters firing weapons and demonstrating camp life in the 18th century. Read more [here](#).

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**Poet laureate pens poem for Veterans Day**

North's Carolina new poet laureate has written a poem to honor Veterans Day. Joseph Bathanti's poem "Saint Francis's Satyr Butterfly" celebrates veterans and their families. The poem is about a rare endangered butterfly found only in the United States at Fort Bragg. Read more [here](#).

*The Virginian-Pilot*

**Edenton plans 300th birthday celebrations**

In the mid-1600s, hardy settlers drawn by the promise of free land traveled south out of Virginia, trudging around swamps and crossing wide rivers into an area known as Carolina.... By 1722, the town was incorporated as Edenton, named for Gov. Charles Eden. This year and through 2013, the town of Edenton celebrates its 300th anniversary. Read more [here](#).

*The Daily Advance*

**Last of the one-room schoolhouses**

There was a time when one-room schoolhouses were the rule rather than the exception. And although counties and cities would begin to consolidate schools, establishing centers of education that looked something like what we know today, the African American community in Pasquotank County would not see those changes come until the 1950s. That's the subject of a forum at Museum of the Albemarle Saturday. Read more [here](#).